Docket No. VTN-577

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

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Title

Mold For Forming A Contact Lens And Method Of-Preventing Formation

Of Small Strands Of Contact Lens Material During Contact Lens

Manufacture

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel the claims in the prior application and add the following claims:

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A mold for forming a contact lens comprising an overflow collector wherein said overflow collector comprises a different material from said mold material.

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The mold of claim 47, wherein said overflow collector is a ring.

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49. The mold of claim 47, wherein said mold is reusable.